

Atty Dkt. No.: 10004452-1
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REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 1-5, 8 and 26-31 and 41-42, the only claims pending and currently under examination in this application.

The Examiner is thanked for the acknowledgement of allowability of Claims 1-5, 8, 30, 31, 41 and 42, as well as Claims 26-29.

In the above amendments, Claims 23-25 and 32-40 have been cancelled. In addition, Claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which it depends, and Claims 29 and 42 have been amended to address typographical errors. Any amendments to the claims find full support in the claims as previously pending, as well as in the specification as filed. As such, no new matter is introduced to the application by the above amendments, and entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Objections have been raised to Claims 23, 29, 34 and 42. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments address these objections.

Claims 23-25 and 32-40 have been rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kobayashi in view of Hayes. In view of the cancellation of these claims, this rejection is moot and may be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone Dianne Rees at (650) 485 - 5999.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078, order number 10004452-1.

Respectfully submitted,

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